

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 49

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. POLLY HOLLOWAY BEVERLY FOR  
2 FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly served as an educator  
4 for fifty years in Jefferson and Claiborne Counties; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly, the daughter of the  
6 late Jesse and Mimie Holloway, was born in Fayette, Mississippi,  
7 on January 3, 1910; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly earned her BS degree  
9 from Rust College, her MS degree from St. Louis University and her  
10 MA degree in Library Science from Atlanta University; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly was married to her  
12 hometown sweetheart, the late Reverend M.R. Beverly, for 55 years;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, they were blessed with one daughter, Camille; and

15 WHEREAS, she started her teaching career in 1917, when she  
16 was a young lady just 17 years old; and

17 WHEREAS, she has taught the 1st through 12th grades, coached  
18 basketball and taught the 3rd and 4th generations of many  
19 families; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly was the first black  
21 librarian in Jefferson County; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly was the Head Librarian  
23 for Claiborne County, where she helped establish and reorganize  
24 the Library System at Addison High School; and

25 WHEREAS, she was loved by her students as a kind, fair,  
26 soft-spoken teacher with a quick smile and affectionately known as  
27 "Ms. Polly"; and



28           WHEREAS, she considers her greatest reward in teaching is to  
29 have lived to see so many of her students complete their education  
30 and become leaders in their communities; and

31           WHEREAS, she was active in professional and civic affairs;  
32 and

33           WHEREAS, she was a member of the National Education  
34 Association, MTA, American Library Association, Mississippi  
35 Library Association, the American Red Cross, National Federation  
36 of Colored Women Clubs and the Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ;  
37 and

38           WHEREAS, Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly helped establish and  
39 became the first Director of the American Red Cross for Jefferson  
40 County; and

41           WHEREAS, she is still very active as a youthful 92-year-old,  
42 who still loves to travel with her daughter; and

43           WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Senate of the State of  
44 Mississippi to recognize and commend the dedicated service of the  
45 citizens of the State of Mississippi:

46           NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE, That  
47 we do hereby commend Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly for over fifty  
48 years of dedicated service to the children of this state as an  
49 educator.

50           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be  
51 presented to Mrs. Polly Holloway Beverly.

